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Editorial

GLOWING WITH PRIDE

Appomattox people are "glowing with pride" at the way local stores have fixed up for Christmas business. Never have we seen a more attractive line of holiday merchandise on display in Appomattox than the stores here now have. Appomattox is also fortunate in its nearness to Lynchburg and its fine shopping opportunity to supplement local stores.

This should be a most successful business season. There is no reason for anyone to be caught in the jam of last minute shopping. Start on your Christmas shopping list today, if you haven't already done so.

An advantage of shopping here in Appomattox is the abundance of free parking space. You won't have far to carry your bundles to your parked car from local stores.

TERRIBLE BLOWS

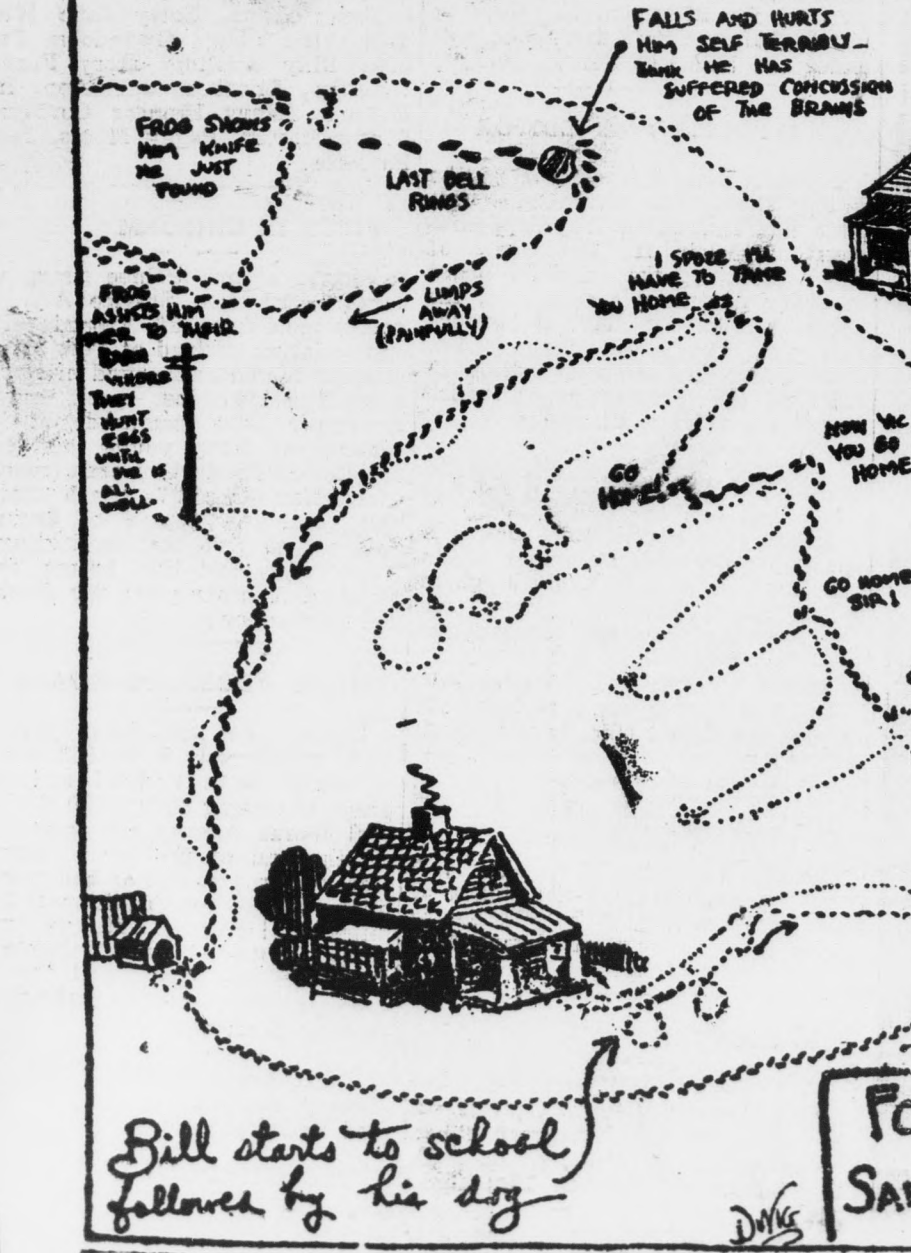
Much of the headline space is being taken by the Greek news. The truly sensational fight they are making against the Italians. But those who recall the like fight up by Finland, will not be misled by Greek victories. The real news is that the increasing damage done to British industry and shipping by the furious German raids of "margined" bombers. In the recent weeks, Southampton, Coventry, Bristol, Birmingham and Liverpool have suffered such devastating raids that it is most probable that the ability of England to ever catch up with the German in airplane production has vanished. You simply cannot carry on production in the face of such repeated bomber raids as these. The "Detroit" have faced.

The American able to take up the slack of England? Not, are we well, but we are able. That is, we have the production set-up NOW to match or exceed that of Germany, Italy and the occupied countries. We may have by 1942, but England can't hold out that long, waiting.

It is a serious moment. The next few months will tell the answer. And the Greek campaign serves only as a shot in the arm in English morale.

United States district court met Monday in Lynchburg.

SCHOOL DAYS



SUPPORT THE FIREMEN

An active volunteer fire company is a worthwhile organization in any community. The very commendable volunteer firemen of Appomattox are presenting a minstrel at the high school auditorium tomorrow night. Let's support the firemen! Buy a minstrel ticket!

Campaign for 'Tootles'

Horns started in Philly Philadelphia, the City of Brotherly Love, has inaugurated a campaign to end the horn-blowing nuisance, with the hope that in the distant future, all cities will unite in a general campaign to "curb this nuisance," according to Edward P. Curran, safety director of the Keystone Automobile club of Philadelphia.

"Unnecessary horn blowing is a violation of the law of the city, state and common sense," he declares. "The split-second drivers who emit shrill blasts with the change of traffic signals ought to have their heads examined. They are a nuisance and a menace because their ill-bred actions unnerve timid drivers and probably contribute to accidents."

"While there is entirely too much horn-blowing we are not going to endorse abolition of horns as a remedy. Horns are essential safety equipment."

"Without a warning device motorists would be helpless to prevent serious accidents."

"Properly used, the horn has a definite value as an aid to safety. Improperly used, it is a nuisance and a menace. We know that Curran criticized parents who permit children to play with horns on parked automobiles in the presence of the child in 'cute'."

Eye Co-ordination Taught

Finding a number of pupils in all grades of the grammar and high schools with faulty co-ordination of their eyes, and realizing that such visual shortcomings cause backward children, the board of education of Newark, N. J., has established an orthoptic clinic. Equipment for various eye exercises is being used. The schools for some years have been making periodical tests of the children's eyesight, but not until recently was special attention given to the problem of eye co-ordination.

In normal vision, single picture is seen by the brain because the images fall upon corresponding parts of each eye, explains the director of the clinic. If the eyes do not move simultaneously, as in reading, the printed matter may become blurry. In the past, Newark school officials say, some children were regarded as mental sluggards, when actually their trouble lay in lack of proper teamwork of their eyes.

Light Has Weight

Does a ray of light weigh anything? Yes, it does. And for that matter radio waves and invisible X-rays have weight, according to the Better Vision Institute. Einstein and other great scientists agree that all rays and waves of energy have mass, or substance. For that reason all light must weigh something. In the case of sunlight what is actually happening is that the sun is shooting out part of its substance into solar space in the form of light. Sometimes the sun will become so powerful that light will be so powerful to shed light. However, says the institute, we need not worry about the sun's weight because it is years for the sun to burn itself out.

NOTE TO LOCAL DRIVERS

Between now and Christmas, we will be held here in Appomattox to hundreds of shoppers from out of town. We welcome them. They have the keys to the town. And here's a way we can all help to make their shopping visit pleasant. Let the town people, so far as it is possible refrain from parking their own cars in the business section.

Plenty of free parking space is an asset not to be overlooked in bidding for out-of-town trade.

Attend church this Sunday!

Appomattox is a growing town.

Italians deny damage to warships caused by British.

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